



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU



NOTICE OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:  
WATER PATROL OFFICER AND ATV PATROL OFFICER  
(NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD?

DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

DO YOU LIKE WORKING OUTDOORS, ON BOATS OR ON ATVs?

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH PEOPLE?

DO YOU THINK YOU WANT A CAREER AS A CONSERVATION OFFICER?

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Bureau is looking for qualified, interested, and motivated individuals to serve as **Temporary, Seasonal ATV and Water Patrol Officers**. There are potentially **45 Seasonal Patrol Officer** positions located throughout the state at Iowa's popular lakes & river areas or ATV parks/use areas.

The deadline to apply for these positions is **February 1, 2011**. You must have your complete applications submitted as directed by that date. Interviews will be held the in early March, in central Iowa.

**What does a Water Patrol Officer or ATV Patrol Officer do?** Water Patrol Officers and ATV Patrol Officers are temporary, summer employees of the IDNR. As a (temporary) law enforcement officer of the State of Iowa, these are positions of high responsibility. They help ensure a safe recreational environment for the public by enforcing the state's regulations; provide public assistance and safety education through personal contact and educational programs; respond to and assist in emergency situations; maintain equipment and storage facilities; and complete administrative duties as required (report writing, filing citations, etc.).

- **Water Patrol Officer duties include:** Patrolling of assigned areas on Iowa's lakes and rivers by patrol boat and foot—checking for compliance with Iowa's navigation and fishing regulations, with an emphasis on aquatic invasive species education and enforcement.

- **ATV Patrol Officer duties include:** Primarily, patrolling ATV parks and assigned areas by ATV and foot; secondarily, providing formal ATV operator education in accordance with the Department's guidelines; and lastly, acting as Water Patrol Officers, patrolling Iowa's lakes and rivers by patrol boat and foot as needed and available.

**What are the dates of employment?** Both Water Patrol and ATV Patrol Officers begin work in mid-May and usually work until Labor Day; Officers may sometimes return for court appearances or to work some fall weekends. New Officers must attend several days of training and then start patrolling at their duty station on Memorial weekend.



**What is the work schedule like?** Both Water Patrol and ATV Patrol Officers work a 40-hour work week, with two days off per week during the week. The exact schedule varies by location and is assigned by the Supervisor, but all Officers work weekends (including all the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, & Labor Day) and often evenings, late nights, and in all types of weather.

**What does the job pay?** \$13.19/hour (12/2010 figure)

### **What are some of the requirements?**

- Must follow all application instructions fully, as detailed on the IDNR and IDAS websites.
- Must be available for all interviews (early March) and training (held on weekdays, typically beginning mid-May) required.
- A valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- Must be a United States citizen.
- Certification through Iowa's Boating Safety Education Program (both Water and ATV Patrol; if hired, certification must be obtained before reporting for first workday and proof must be provided). and the Bureau's ATV Safety Education program (only for ATV Patrol Officers after hiring).
- Submission to and clearance of a thorough background check (by applying you are consenting to this background investigation).
- Current CPR Certification issued through American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. (If hired, certification must be obtained before reporting for first workday and proof must be provided).
- Minimum age: 18.
- Graduated from or currently enrolled/on break between semesters of college, or about to enter first semester of college from high school.
- Ability to work alone, with the public, in a law enforcement capacity, in all conditions, on weekends, and including holidays and nights.

**Why should I apply to become a Water Patrol or ATV Patrol Officer?** This job provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the role of law enforcement in protecting Iowa's resources and recreationists. It is also an interesting, diverse, and often times challenging and demanding position. The rewards are knowing you've made a difference in serving the resource and the public and learning more about your own role and capabilities in the natural resources law enforcement field. Serving as a Seasonal Patrol Officer is an excellent way to gain experience, but it does not guarantee any future employment.

**How do I apply or find more information?** More specific information on these positions and a copy of this informational sheet are available from the web at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) (follow the links "Law Enforcement", "Employment Opportunities and Job Descriptions"). The application and instructions should also be available soon on the Iowa Department of Administrative Services website at [www.das.hre.iowa.gov/state\\_jobs.html](http://www.das.hre.iowa.gov/state_jobs.html) (click on "Job openings for all applicants", then "Search openings", and then either select "542-Natural Resources" from the Department list OR insert "seasonal" in to the keyword box and click on "search" to bring up the listings for both jobs).

**Please note: There is a TWO-PART application process – Part I is submitted through IDAS AND Part II is submitted directly to the IDNR. Incomplete, late, &/or faxed applications to the Iowa DNR WILL NOT be accepted.**

For more information, see the web or contact:

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